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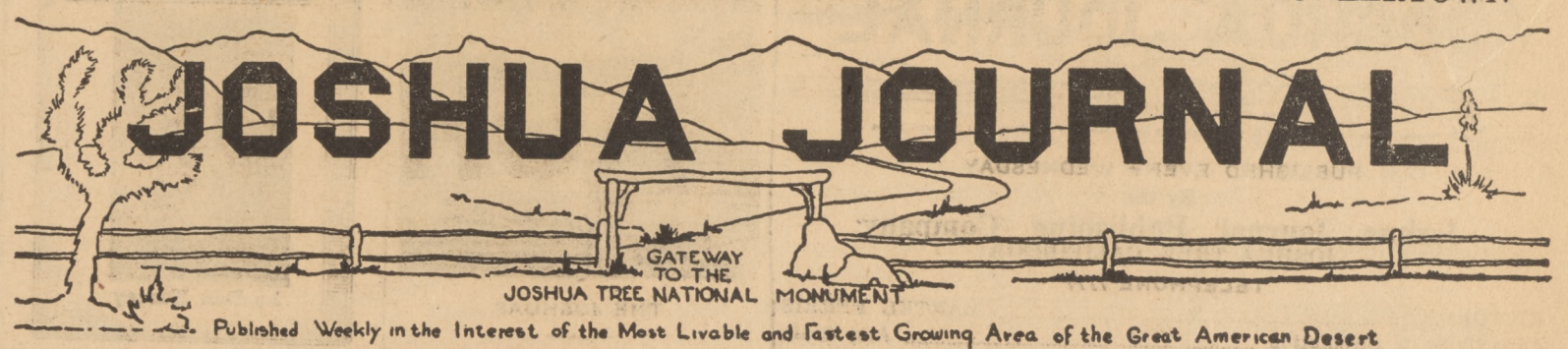

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Up Jumped The Devil

JOSHUA DESERT — Just when we were getting rather smug about our beautiful, balmy smogless weather what should happen but we get the tail-end of one of the coastal storms. Anyone who reads the "down below" papers knows that heavy rain, high velocity winds and clouds and clouds of smudge and smog hit the coastal cities last weekend. Of course we can't apologize about a little rain and snow (in Yucca and Pioneertown) when they get boats washed ashore on the beaches and trees blown down in Los Angeles.

One day of clouds was our quota of bad weather, except for a slight chill breeze over Sunday, and we consider variety the spice of life anyhow. When we have to apoogize everyday for bad weather as some of the coastal cities do, then we'll stop selling our climate to people who are unfortunate enough to live elsewhere.

Oh! My Achin' Back!

JOSHUA TREE— The moanings and groanings reberverating between the hills over the weekend wasn't the aftermath of tax bills, but the complaints from aching joints of the valley's arthiritics and rheumatics. The borrowed weather from the coastal areas had a little too much moisture for us seasoned desert rats who fled the dripping, smoggy plains for relief from our aches and pains. On rare occasions we get a bit of damp chilly weather and it hits us where it hurts most.

We advertise and brag about our wonderful, dry desert climate as the only good relief from muscular and thoracic ailments, and with good reason, for those who have come here for relief have in practically every case gotten it. But then, perhaps an occasional reminder in the form of bad weather is good medicine, else we might get too cocky and think that we'd be as well off living somewhere else.

Mr. Dodson Just Wasn't There

JOSHUA TREE — The Journal wishes to make a correction in the last week's story concerning the accident caused to the Thompson Glass truck which was ditched when a herd of goats crossed ahead on the Twentynine Palms highway near the Mental Physics Institute. Dr. Charles A. Dodson was not the driver of the auto ahead of the truck that made the sudden stop to avoid the goats. Dr. Dodson was elsewhere at the time.

Mrs. Whitehorn Guest at Women's Club Party

JOSHUA TREE — The Joshua Tree Women's Club will hold their annual Xmas party on Wed., Dec. 21st, at the Community Hall. A pot-luck luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., following which will be the regular business session.

Honored guest and speaker will be Mrs. J. L. Whitehorn, prominent journalist and political commentator. Mrs. Whitehorn and her husband are developing the Whitehorn Ranch Estates near Joshua Tree.

Foo-losophy — Never put off today, what you can put off tomorrow!

Desert Hot Springs Short-Cut Open To Traffic

DESERT HOT SPRINGS — The road short-cut from Desert Hot Springs into the Twentynine Palms Highway above ninty-nine where it crosses Devil's Garden has recently been graded and oiled. Where once there was an almost impassable trail full of rocks and ruts is now a smooth highway. This road cuts off about ten miles between Desert Hot Springs and Joshua Desert area.

Leave Us Be Patient

YUCCA VALLEY — We heard as fine an oration from an irate home owner on the subject of maurading cattle as ever these tender ears shoud be subjected to, last Saturday. As we predicted a few stray cattle that have been dallying along the way in the upper canyons got cold udders and T-bones the last few days and came down for warmth. In passing they naturally nuzzled around for a stray herb or two and blandly ignored a few trespassing signs.

In spite of the fact that ranch hands at the Is-Hip-O are picking up the home-coming animals as fast as they are reported (reportedly) and carting them up to the Windmill north of town, a few sneak in for a quick lunch. Cowhand "Buttons" is busy repairing the pump and drift fence, leaving Shirly to ride herd on the estrays. And don't think that some of those ambling hamburgers don't know where home is, for one old bald-face has been carted up to the Windmill five times, only to be found loyally standing at the gate early next morning at the Is-Hip-O Ranch. 'Tis said that every effort is being made to keep the cattle out of the valley, but some sneak in under cover of darkness and it would take radar equipped night-riders to cover that assignment. If anyone wants the job appy at Warren's Well. In the meantime- a few choice invectives seem to be in the most popular action being taken.

Christmas Festival In Yucca

YUCCA VALLEY — A Christmas Festival given by the Woman's Club of Yucca Valley on December 18th, will feature turkey and ham dinners, beginning at one-thirty and lasting as long as appetites. There will be a flower booth with potted plants and other flowers, besides handiwork for sale. There will also be a fortune teller.

In the evening there will be Canasta and other card games. The festival will be held in the Legion Hall.

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Financial Statement Of Federated Clubs, Joshua Tree

JOSHUA TREE — The following is a financial statement by the Federated Clubs Assn. of Joshua Tree, who has been doing an excellent job of publicizing the Joshua Desert:

Amount Collected	$603.53
Expenses	$371.52
In Bank	221.62
Cash on hand	10.39
	603.53
Total Balance	232.01
Outstanding on new folders	105.00

We are also preparing an advertising program with the Hotel Greeters Guide for the next four months, which will cost around $70.00

A total number of 701 letters have beeen written since August.

Envelopes containing 8 folders have been mailed to approximately 557 motels throughout the country.

Union Pacific Railroad was sent 500 copies, Chicago, Baltimore Line 200; Chicago Rock Island, 100; Shell Oil, 200.

To Union Secrtearies approximately 100, and three hundred folders to various travel bureaus, air lines, bus lines, etc.

About 300 Joshua Journals have also been mailed.

P. T. A. News

The Annual Christmas party for the children of Joshua Tree will be held at the school house on Friday afternoon, the 16th. All children of school and pre-school age are requested to be on hand for the visit of Santa Claus at three bells. The party will be held in the afternoon this year, instead of in the evening as in the past. Santa Claus will be in front of the Trading Post Mkt. on Thursday afternoon from two to four, to greet and invite all youngsters to the school party. Mrs. Dee Jost and her committee have been in touch with Santa and ordered the Christmas treats the youngsters look forward to.

Sportsman's Club Plays Santa

The Sportsman's Club members have been working extra hours on a new venture, that of playing Santa to the small youngsters of Joshua Tree and Sun Valley. Claude Irwin and a committee of Sportsmen will have a spring horse ready for delivery on Christmas Eve for the children. The horses are durable and strong enough to be used by children up to five years of age. They have made approximately two dozen of these spring horse toys, which will take care of the list of eligible children in our village and Sun Valley. Santa will deliver them in person on Christmas Eve.

Baseline Highway to Parker, Arizona Gains Enthusiasm from Co. Officials

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Chas. S. Watkins, president of Baseline Highway Assn., was official escort to a party of San Bernardino County officials, last Tuesday, on a visit to Parker, Arizona, over the proposed Baseline Highway route from Twentynine Palms. Watkins and other Twentynine Palms civic leaders guided the party of thirty over the partly graded road through Rice and thence to River Lodge at Parker.

The group was met at Parker by Mr. Warnock of the Indian Reservation who with the aid of field glasses showed them the sprawling Colorado River Rehabilitation Project for the Navajo and Hopi Indians. For miles on both sides of the river land is being cultivated by the Indians under supervision of the Indian Bureau and the Department of Interior. Each family has been given forty acres for cultivation and from eight to twelve thousand acres a year are being reclaimed from the desert. The project will eventually total ninety thousand acres of Indian farms.

The Baseline Highway which has been partially graded by privately solicited funds from the citizens and Service clubs of this area and San Bernardino, may become a project for the State and County Highway Departments. If and when completed this road will connect the Twentynine Palms Highway with Arizona State Highways and save many miles between Los Angeles and Phoenix.

County officials in the party included: Board Chairman, Frank Mogle; Supervisor, George Cunningham of District One; Supervisors, Wesley Break and Bill Mason; County Highway Commissioner, Howard Way; and his engineer, Ward Addis.

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Scouts Delivering Xmas Trees

JOSHUA TREE — Herb Longshaw, in charge of distribution of Xmas trees for the Lion's Club Scout committee advises those who have not yet given their order for a Xmas tree to call his store, the Trading Post, or contact any of the Scouts. Trees will be distributed this week, and may be picked up at either the Trading Post in Joshua Tree, or the Hi-Way Garage in Yucca Valley, if you haven't made a selection yet. City prices will be in effect.

Funds from the sale of trees goes to the Boy Scout Fund for a permanent camp near the Joshua Tree National Monument Park, on a site donated by the Whitehorn Ranch.

C. of C. News

At the annual meeting of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, the following officers were elected for the year 1950: JACK CRANE, President; HARRY WHEELER, Vive-presidnet; MRS. SARAH MITCHELL, Secretary; BILL LONGSHAW, Treasurer. Three new directors were also elected—J. H. RICE, R. E. STACEY and C. S. WOODS.

"I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to the newly elected officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce," stated retiring president, Jack Branthoover. "They will take office with a paid-up membership of 39, an increase of ten members since August of this year. During the year three members have left town.

"However, with the complete cooperation of each one of the remaining thirty-six members and those new ones who may be secured, wonders can be accomplished toward the upbuilding of our community. The progress already made should be only a stepping stone to bigger and better things for us all."

Visitor Recalls Old Days

MORONGO — Captain R. C. Jefferies, retired game warden, in an interview last Wednesday recounted many interesting experiences and memories of the bygone days of the Greater Morongo Basin, Capt. Jeffries and his wife were visitors to the studio, mine shack of the Kirk Martins in Little Morongo Canyon. Laurel Martin, designer of Sandabs, is the daughter of the Jefferies who were early settlers near Beaumont. Many old timers remember the old Jefferies Ranch of Beaumont. Mrs. Jefferies' father, W. M. Marquis, owned the first merchant store in Beaumont.

The Jefferies at present live in Morovia.

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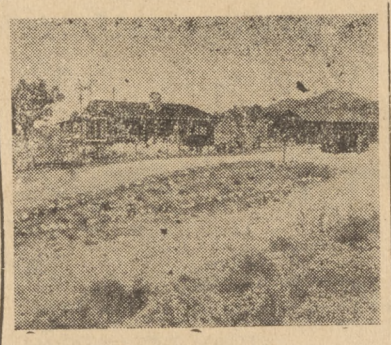
"A Small Voice, or A Big Explosion"

We don't like to delve into politics, particularly national, because our voice is too small to be heard. But when something like the atomic secrets are given away by the very ones whom we trust to protect our life and liberty, then it is time for even the small voice to rise in protest, but especially the small voice.

Either Major General Racey Jordan is a publicity seeker who will be exposed, or the men whom we have trusted to run our government are so rotten that hanging would be a privilege for them. The Atomic Bomb is not a toy for favor seeking politicians. It was made to protect our very existence, and some misguided, maniacal fool has possibly given its secrets to our worst enemy, anarchy.

This is no time for party politics. Why are the statesmen (?) now in power protecting their traiterous partners against exposure. Has party politics become more important than the very existence of the American people?

It was the small voice and the little people who put our government executives and law-makers in power. But the small voice is being shouted down by demi-gogs in our own Senate committees. If General Jordan is a liar, then prove him so. If we are being led by traitors, let us know it now, or the small voice may never again be heard in America.



THE JOSHUAS

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

WE PRAY FOR PEACE

The long evenings are growing chilly. Tonight the air has a sharp edge so that the fire in the open grate is most welcome. Gray smoke curls up enthusiastically, but the flames lick the log cautiously; lick it as if they realize that logs are scarce at my cabin these days. Time was when we could go out in our old truck and bring back loads of good fire-wood, but that was before civilization crept so closely to our door; civilization and later, the consequences of a tragic war. But now I must use the wood most frugally!

Tonight, in the semi-darkness of the room, I sit and ponder over world-events. From the Book of Micah I read that "Nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." And "Every man shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid."

That is what I read in my Bible, but the newspapers and the radio tell us such opposing stories! Even so, with much evidence to the contrary, I still believe the promise of Peace that I read about in my Bible!

Buy Christmas Seals

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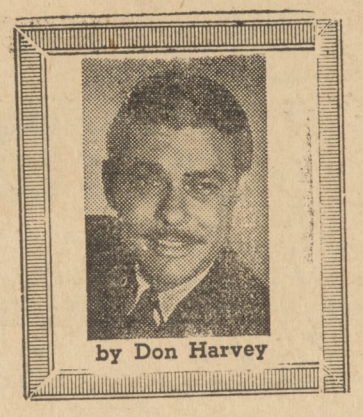

by Don Harvey

Harvey in Hollywood

(Special to the Joshua Journal)

Hi Neighbors!

'Attention HOPALONG CASSIDY fans! (And that means everyone in the world) . . . Stay close to your radios on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day . . . Hoppy will be all over the dial. Hoppy will be heard on NBC's "Stars Over Hollywood" and "Judy Canova" shows on the 24th, and on Christmas he will visit the programs of EDGAR BERGEN & "TWO GUN McCARTHY," RED SKELTON, JACK BENNY AND AMOS AND ANDY. Meanwhile Hoppy's own program will be heard over 495 Mutual Stations. He's a real "Rider In The Sky!"

REPUBLIC STUDIOS, whose bank roll has been built on hoss oprys that play the so-called smaller houses, is really stepping out in high society! Their Sands of Iwo Jima with JOHN WAYNE as the top star will open an extended playing date at the ever so high-toned Carthay Circle Theatre in Los Angeles. It's the first time Republic ever went that way!

GENE AUTRY, a Republic graduate, gets a new degree of Hollywood fame December 23, when he and his horse, Champion will put their footprints into the concrete Hall of Fame that is the forecourt of Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Do you suppose they are finally going to recognize Western Stars as real stars after all?

Hollywood Ain't Crazy . . . . Honest! Jerry Ambler, 1946 and 1947 World's Champion Bronc Buster, a guy who has always made his living staying in the saddle, has now been hired to fall out of the saddle! Jerry is set to do a bunch of stunt spill thrillers in Gene Autry's "Beyond The Purple Hills" at Columia. Nobody's crazy . . . it's just the way we do things . . . IN THE MOVIES!

Greenhorn Gardner

BY RUTH HALE

Perhaps many of you have yearned for a Joshua Tree or perhaps some willows or greasewoods. Now night be the time to satisfy that desire, for as the road widening goes on, there are many of these trees being up-rooted. If you keep watch you might be lucky enough to pick up some of them and plant them in your own yard.

The grease wood tree seems quite adaptable to a new environment as does the willow. The Joshua Tree might take a little more coaxing.

As it is unlawful to dig the various trees and cacti unless by permission, I just thought a few might take advantage of these already dug and left by the roadside.

Though most of these trees grow with very little water in their natural environment, they respond to water and grow quite rapidly. There is a grease wood tree here on the ranch centering a circle where we water the other plants often. In a year's time it has almost tripled in size, just from the added moisture.

One neighbor has several willows. She calls them desert orchids. There are so many along the highway, but as we drive swiftly past, do we see the delicate blossom? Water has done wonders for these graceful trees.

These suggestions are only for those of us who are unfortunate enough to have had most of the top soil taken from our land, taking the desert growth while our home was building.

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Joshua Tree Notes

Steve Randall, young actor from Hollywood, his attractive wife Lonnie and Ruth Tice were guests of Bob Downer over the week-end. Steve's latest picture was "Devil's Sleep" — Hang-out was D-Bar-J Sports Center. . . . Fred Marble made a very clever miniature fireplace from mineral rocks for the Xmas decorations. On display in the Electric Shop window. Fred says there are sixty-five minerals in the rocks, all from this part of the desert. Death Valley can only boast seventy-five varieties; largest known assemblage of minerals of any spot in world . . . . Mr. Russ is finishing the inside woodwork to his new home. He is a retired banker from Jamestown, Kansas. His wife Florence hails from nearby Jewel, Kansas. . . . People drive for miles (no kiddin') to eat June's chili at the Sport's Center. Worth the trip, too! . . . Mr. C. J. Ehrenfeld has been visiting the Ojalas the past week. Says the Joshua Tree climate has helped his asthma and is glad to be away from the L.A. Smog . . . . the deep freeze last week-end caught a few careless motorists with their anti-freeze down . . . . Jim Hart of Bellflower called on the Hedins and Sandells Sunday . . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Johnson of Sedalia, Colo., are spending the winter months in the Matthews house . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burgess and Mrs. Clara Sandell were also visitors at the Hedins and Sandells . . . . Charles Hedin is back to stay for an indefinite period.

What's a "Joshua Bird?"

JOSHUA TREE — D. W. Robinson, creator of the "Joshua Bird," a desert novelty made from the Unicorn plant has made a hobby into a business. Long fascinated by the peculiar appearance of the unicorn plant, Mr. Robinson tried his hand and a little imagination to create a rather striking image of a bird which he calls the "Joshua Bird." Mr. Robinson's "bird" and other novelties can be seen on display at Crane's Real Estate office, the Trading Post, or at his home on Valley View.

Joshua Tree

By Margret Bair

It is an odd name for our little town
But you just wait, 'till she wins renown.
When people close by, and from far off places
Come to relax 'mid beauty and our good graces.

They will do their part, never you fear
Building beautiful homes that will rear
Against the mountains, making a skyline view
A vision by moonlight; enjoyed by a few

Who can visualize a dream, then see it come true
Plan their hopes and ambitions and carry them through.
With God's gift at hand, to good to be true
A natural garden, mountains, a back drop of blue.

A beautiful sunrise, mountains crested in white,
Or a gorgeous moon coming up in a star studded nite.
Leaving a mysterious something, twined round your heart
Thankful for our God given beauty; and our own small part.

The above poem has been presented to the Joshua Tree Women's Club by the Club Historian, Margret Bair. The poem is to be used as the "Foreword" in a book which will be entered in "They Build a Better Community Project," for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This is a contest for the most worthy project, started and completed by the Women's Clubs from all over the U.S. and Alaska. We think our kitchen project a very necessary addition to our community.

MRS. GUS A. OJALA,
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Mrs. Dixon in Accident

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Mrs. Florence Dixon met with a serious accident on returning from a trip to Death Valley last week-end. A broken shoulder and several minor injuries were received. Mrs. Dixon was taken to San Bernardino hospital for treatment.

Stacy and Jost Named Local Pillsbury Agents

JOSHUA — R. E. Stacy and Harold Jost of the Joshua Tree Builders Supply have been appointed agents for Globe Mills to handle Pillsbury feeds and make arrangements for financing of turkey poults and feed.

Under the plan designed by Globe Mills, anyone interested in financing both poults and feed may make application with Stacy and Jost. The applications will be considered by the Pillsbury distributors and if acceptable a contract for either, or both feed and poults will be drawn up.

Globe Mills announce that "short" financing will not be a part of their program, and that one-hundred and ten pounds of feed will be furnished (this amount has been established as fully sufficient for growing a bird to its prime). Some companies have been limiting their financing within a certain amount of money regardless of whether the turkeys have reached their prime, as a result growers have taken a loss on rising feed prices.

Two large meat packing companies have an agreement with Pillsbury whereby they will finance the poults if the contract for feed is approved.

Chamber Elects Crane New Prexy

JOSHUA TREE — Jack Crane was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year at the Friday night elections to replace Mr. Branthoover, retiring president, who has done a fine job. Harry Wheeler will be Crane's vice president, and Sarah Mitchell was elected to the post of secretary. Wm. Longshaw was voted in as Treasurer. Three new directors to the board are: Earl Stacy, Mr. Woods, and J. H. Rice, replacing Sam Lafferty, John Duncan, and Mr. Aldridge. Mr. Pierpont, Bob Garry and Herb Longshaw will hold their post until 1952.

There were twenty-four voting members present at the meeting. There are thirty-six members in good standing in the Chamber. No other business was transacted. Mr. Branthoover read the financial report on the Federated Clubs.

SNACK BAR CHANGES OWNERS

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Mr. and Mrs. Brenneman of Washington are the new owners of the Desert Room Snack Bar. We wish them success in their new enterprise.

C. M. Beall Builds Home

JOSHUA TREE — Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beall, property owners of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley are building a new home in Joshua Tree. The house, a concrete block structure being built by Joe Wagner, contains eight hundred feet in enclosed patio space. A special feature of the house is its heating system which consists of a fifty-five thousand B.T.U. jet, air-flow gas furnace.

The house was designed by Mr. and Mrs. Beall and Mrs. Beall intends to do the interior decorating. Mr. Beall is an insurance broker in Los Angeles and plans to spend a great deal of time here. They have additional plans for more building in the near future.

Well, That's Life

TWENTYNINE PALMS— After patiently waiting twenty years for water which "experts" said was five-hundred feet down, Janie B. McCarthy, homesteader finally was able to finance the expensive job of drilling a well. A spudding-in party was held with friends and relatives, and just as lunch was announced, sixty minutes after starting the roatry, the drill hit water at twenty-six feet.

"The mysteries of the desert country are so myrid that again it is proven there can be no set rule to solve any problem. All one needs to do is to bravely try for the goal and not to be discouraged by weaklings," says Mrs. McCarthy.

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Yucca Valley Notes

Jules Boldizar got a cut on the head when the wind blew an engine hood down on top of him Saturday; two stitches . . . . Ruth Hale, bookkeeper for Y. V. B. Supply had her tonsils extracted last week at Twentynine Palms. Enjoyed a ride home to Morongo in the Joshua Tree ambulance . . . . Tommy Humphreyville was appointed temporary secretary of the Lions to replace Sam Lafferty . . . Bill Royall's Turkey Shoot turkey was center piece for a dinner at the Don Lewins last Wed. p.m. Guests were the Royall family, the Bill Lawrences, the Lewins and members of the "bachelor's club," Kenny Witting, Knole Gillette, Barney Copley, and Bob Sclye.

Palomar Films at Yucca

YUCCA VALLEY — A special feature in color film about the famous Palomar telescope will be shown at the Yucca Valley Community Club Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This is a regular Club meeting but members are urged to bring guests, and the public is cordially invited to view the film following a short business meeting. Jimmie Fassero of Cal Tech is the guest of the evening and will show the film.

Xmas Parties All Over the Valley

YUCCA VALLEY — Friday, December 16th is the first of a series of Xmas parties in Yucca. The school children will be treated to a party given by the Breakfast Club of Yucca Valley, specifically for their good behaviour at Halloween. Clay Tungstall is arranging for a special, early visit from Santa. Gifts and goodies will be given to all present.

A second party for the children of the valley (my haven't they been good this year) will be held at the Community Club on the 21st, in the evneing. Sponsoring groups will be the combined clubs of the community.

Apparently the grown ups have been behaving themselves, too, for there is a big party for them at the Community club on Wednesday, the 23rd. Santa will be there, also, by special arrangement of Al Livingstone, who seems to be an influential friend of good old St. Nick. Al guarantees that Santa won't lose his pants this year, or otherwise embarrass the jolly old gentleman by leaving wires around for him to fall over. Entrance fee will be a present not to exceed fifty cents.

Buy your Xmas Tree from the Boy Scouts.

Pick 'n Shovel

"GOLD IS WHERE YOU LOSE IT"

Howdy, Podnuhs:

Capt. R. C. Jefferies, retired State Fish and Game Warden, stretched his long legs close to tuh fire at Kirk Martin's studio, mine shack in little Morongo Canyon, and replied to muh query, "Yes, I could tell you a little about lost mines in this area, in fact I tried to find one once, and instead lost one that hadn't been found yet." Capt. Jefferies grinned at muh puzzled expression. "It all goes back to a man named Lee who was working a mine near Twentynine Palms about forty years ago. He'd taken quite a lot of rich ore from it and had told many people about it. Yet no one but he and his partner had ever been there. One night Lee was killed on his way from San Bernardino to his mine. His partner was never seen again, and so the Lee mine became a lost mine."

"About twenty years ago," continued Capt. Jefferies, "I was talking with a friend, Don Baker, a druggist in Monrovia, about the mine and he wanted to find it. We made up a party of four and started out in an old Model "T". I checked the general location from records and from what Lee had told me. We split up in pairs and combed the area. We never found the mine, but I stumbled onto a ledge that Don said was galena. Well, we knocked off a few pieces and returned to camp."

"We went back to town by way of Highway 66, but in passing left our chunks of ore in a window ledge at a garage on the highway. A couple of years ago my nephews happened to stop at this garage and saw the ore. The garage man said, 'your uncle left that here years ago." They asked for the ore and brought it home. Just for curiosity I sent it to Eisenhauer for assay and it came back at over three-hundred dollars a ton in gold, silver and lead."

"My grandson and I went back there a few months ago. We found the spot, but the earthquake had dumped thousands of tons of rock over the vein. I could walk within a few yards of it, but who knows how much ore is there? And what it would cost to dig it out?"

Wal, now effen that hain't the gol dangest story I ever heard, a man losin' a gold mine afore he really found hit. Wal, thet's th' way 'tis, gold can shore be whar yuh lose it. — "Ole Zeke"

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Big cause for celebration was acquisition of a beer license. The beer case, incidently, wasn't installed until three o'clock in the afternoon, barely in time, and then the crowd drank it so fast that the cooler wasn't necessary. By that time nobody cared.

There was plenty of music all evening, and high-light of the entertainment was songs by Frank Gauitillo from the Oasis in Palm Springs. Jimmy and Charlie received many beautiful bouquets of flowers from friends.

Pioneer Desert Real Estate Board to Entertain State President

MORONGO VALLEY — Pat O'Neil, local president of the Pioneer Desert Real Estate Board, revealed plans today for a dinner to be given in honor of the State President of the Real Estate Boards of California. The dinner will be held at the Twentynine Palms Community Church. Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to attend please contact Pat O'Neil or Watty Watkins of Twentynine Palms for reservations.

Morongo C of C Gets New Board Members

MORONGO VALLEY — Pat O'Neil, Mrs. Vera Martin, B. F. Arnold and Don Carter were voted in as new members of the Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce Directors Board in a special meeting last Wednesday night.

Twenty-four voting members were present and about a dozen visitors to give support to the new board members. Outgoing members were Al Wier, Harry Hess, Al Livingstone and Jimmy Freeman. Present members of the board also include F. N. Archer, D. F. Geil, and Drew Secrest.

The only new business, other than election of board members, was tentative discussion of a proposed road sign for the entrance into Morongo Valley from the canyon, and plans for Xmas Tree Lane.

Morongo Theatre Tickets for Sale

MORONGO VALLEY — Season tickets for the first five productions of the Morongo Valley Community Theatre are now available from members of the group, according to Gene Cubit, business manager. The theatre group, recently formed will feature "center staging" in its productions, no stage, backdrops, scenery, or expensive props, that is. Don Carter, director-producer, has had many years experience in this work and is giving his services to the first embryonic year of the Morongo theatre. Try-outs for the first production "Christopher Bean," will be announced soon.

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Church Notes

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Rev. D. C. Williams, Minister.
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Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
Evening Service on Sunday at 7:15.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS
Fellowship meetings are held at the chapel the fourth Saturday of each month.

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Wed. Bible Study 7:45 P.M.
Fri. Prayer Meeting 7:45 P.M.

CATHOLIC MASS
Sat. 9 a.m., Rev. O'Dowd

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Rev. Eddie Garver of the Yucca Valley Community Church has enjoyed a record crowd since his return . . . . Has instituted "Levi" Sunday during the cold weather . . . . The new bell at the Joshua Tree Community Church was hoisted with the aid of Messers Sherborne, Sandell, Wilds, Duncan and Kelly via Kenneth Lee's rig. The bell, a gift from a San Joaquin ranch weighs 445 pounds. . . . .

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THE TURKEY GROWERS PAGE

ASSEMBLED ON THIS PAGE EACH WEEK ARE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TURKEY GROWERS OF THE DESERT AREAS

Sunfair Turkeys Less Disease than Birds from Other Localities Says Harold A. Sparling

SUNFAIR — Having bought and processed aobut six-thousand turkeys this season from the Sunfair ranches, Harold A. Sparling, one of the largest buyers in Southern California said here Friday night that the Sunfair birds had less diseases and seemed to be in better shape for their age than any birds he had processed this season.

Sparling is a grower, processor and marketer of turkeys that he furnishes eviscrated to the Ralph and A&P Markets throughout Southern Calfiornia.

Sparling is handling around sixty-thousand turkeys this season and expects to clear through his organization next year around one-hundred thousand turkeys.

At a mass meeting of the Sunfair growers held at Robert Kroes' house last Friday night, Sparling told the growers that he hoped to buy all the turkeys he needs for next season from the growers of the Sunfair ranches.

Sparling has a special type of turkey that he would like to see grown here, and told the growers he hoped to buy all the turkeys that could be grown here next season. Sparling has been paying around two cents a pound above the listed prices for turkeys bought here this year.

McDonnell's Sister Visits

JOSHUA TREE — Mrs. Alice Fayhe, sister of C. E. McDonnell, was a visitor here last week from Oakand. C. E. McDonnell is a local broker who specializes in Sunfair properties. Mrs. Fayhe has been a visitor on several occasions and is greatly interested in the desert.

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A "Wing-Ding" Ranch

SUNFAIR — We've heard of a whing-ding party, but this "wing-ding" Ranch business is serious stuff, according to William and Lena Mae Briggs, owners of the "Wing-Ding" Ranch at Sunfair.

The Briggs' started the new year right by getting into the turkey business at Sunfair. January 1st was the beginning of the turkey business for them in California, as they moved onto their three acre ranch on that day. It only took them a short while to make up their minds about the turkey business. They moved to California in July from Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Briggs was employed by the Spicer Manufacturing Co. By September Mr. Briggs had read a Joshua Journal ad on the Sunfair Turkey Ranchos and bought his ranch. Having been in the turkey raising business a few years ago in New York, it didn't take much sales talk to promote him into the Sunfair set-up.

In December they built the first aluminum brooder house in Sunfair and it was such a novelty that it almost cost them their turkey flock. When the young poults arrived on February 2nd, it was with one of the worst freezes that ever hit this country. In the midst of unloading their poults they were swamped with scores of visitors, who wanted to see how the new brooder house worked. That night a sleet storm and cold wave hit and they weren't prepared. More young poults were lost that night than they care to mention.

The "Wing-Ding Ranch started with twenty-eight hundred and fifteen birds in three flocks. The first flock in February, the second in May, and the third in March. The latter flock of nine-hundred and sixty birds belonged to Louis Montieth. Of the total flock only about a half dozen were lost from disease and heat, so except for the freak disaster in early February the Briggs raised their turkeys under the eight percent average loss for Sunfair.

Mrs. Briggs observed that she liked the friendly cooperative spirit among the turkey growers at Sunfair, and attributes a great deal of the Sunfair success to this cooperative arrangement. The Briggs plan to grow about four-thousand birds in nineteen-fifty. Only this time the weather isn't going to catch them with a lot of new poults and curious visitors at the same time.

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Sunfair Notes

Milton M. Moon and wife, visitors Sunday to Sunfair (Own Norlin Apts. in H'wd. Interested in turkey ranch, possibly. Mr. Moon was expediter for Fox West Coast Theatres for several years. . . . . Betty and Perry Dutton left early Tuesday for Ft. Worth, Texas, to visit Perry's parents. They plan to continue from there to Wichita, Kansas, where they will spend Xmas with Betty's parents. If they aren't in too big a hurry they can get a good, fried chicken dinner (Kansas style) in Ark City, Kansas, at the home of Ye Ed's parents. . . . . "Chet" Bunker cooks a mighty fine baked egg avec bacon, says Steve. . . . . Mrs. Elsie Witcher was out Saturday to inspect her new Brooder house that Geo. Bloom erected. Was well pleased. Will start poults in March. . . . . Duval Construction Co. signed contract to build the new Dick King home. . . . . This guy Fetherston is a riot. Keeps "Chet" Bunker in stitches and Steve in a dither. Was in four pictures with Harold Lloyd. Made his last picture couple years ago with Leo Carillo. Andy Clyde was a visitor to his ranch last week. Is ready to put up fence and install deep freeze unit this week. . . . .

Pioneer Recalls Early Days

SUNFAIR—Orlen A. Lewis, who can best be rated as a retired pioneer, celebrated his eighty-second birthday Sunday at his home in Sunfair. Lewis, a rather newcomer to the desert headed west from Kansas many years ago and has pioneered in most of the West in many professions. He has chiefly been a farmer, turkey grower, school teacher and builder. His last stamping ground was Nevada City, California, where he was in the building profession. Mr. Lewis intends to spend the rest of his days in pleasant retirement at his home in Sunfair enjoying the desert sunshine and pleasant neighbors. Mr. Lewis expects to be one-hundred and three in twenty years.

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